Ban on Lottery

2696. MISS SAROJ KHAPARDE: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government arc aware that sale of lottery by State Governments have destroyed several families throughout the country;

(b) if so, the steps being taken by Government to ban the operation of lotteries run by States/Union Territories throughout the country; and

(c) whether lotteries run by private parties are also much in speration, if so what steps are being taken to stop the sale of lotteries run by private parties?

THE MINISTER OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI L.K. ADVANI): (a) to (c) Yes, Sir. A proposal for imposing a ban on all types of lotteries is under consideration.

Renaming Andaman and Nicobar Islands

2697 SHRI SANJAY NIRUPAM: Wig the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have decided to name the Andaman and Nicobar Islands and places there after the names of famous heroes of freedom struggle;

(b) if so, the details in this regard;

(c) if not, the reasons therefor; and

(d) the action proposed by Government to perpetuate the memory of these heroes for posterity?

THE MINISTER OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI L.K. ADVANI): (a) to (d) There is no proposal to change the name of Andaman & Nicobar Islands under consideration of the Government. However it has been decided in principle to rename some of the Islands of the A&N Groups of Islands which are named, after British Generals who gained notoriety for their having prosecuted and tortured our fellow countrymen.

Registration of AHEAD

2698. SHRI GAYA SINGH: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether a society called 'Asian health Environment and Allied Database (AHEAD) was registered on 12th August, 1994 with the Registrar of Societies, Delhi;

(b) if so, the name, occupation and address of the founder member of the Society;

(c)thc names, occupation and addresses of the first Board of Goveners of Society; and

(d) whether any foreign organisation, foreign Government and Non-foreign Government Organistion (NGO) is a member among the founder members of the Society?

THE MINISTER OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI U.K. ADVANI): (a) Yes, Sir

(b) Details are given in statement I *(See* below)

(c) Details are given in statement II *(See* below)

(d) The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.